

**Arkansas State Board of Cosmetology
Examination Report
August 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 and 22, 2006**

Examinations were conducted on August 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 and 22. The examinations were held at 101 East Capitol, Suite 106, in Little Rock.

Roll Call

The following examiners were present:

Jane Powell, President	18 and 22
LaJoy Gordon, Board Member	14, 15 and 16
Ann Pickering, Board Member	14
Pat Jackson, Inspector	14, 15 and 16
Lavonne Lester, Inspector	18
Brenda Morgan, Inspector	22

The following staff members were also in attendance:

Jeanie Thornton, Document Examiner II – Proctor

Examination Schedule

There were 135 candidates scheduled for the examinations, which consisted of the following: 106 cosmetologists (C); 12 manicurists (M); 7 aestheticians (A); and 10 instructors (I). There were 123 in appearance.

Examination Results

First-Time Applicants

Exam Type	No. Schedule	No. Appear	Fail Rate	No. Pass	No. Fail	Breakdown of Failures by Exam Part				
						Pract. Only	Pract. Wr - Cor	Written Core	Written Law	Written Cor/Law
C	92	86	12%	76	10	1		7	1	1
M	6	5	60%	2	3	1		1	1	
A	4	4	75%	1	3		1	2		
I	7	7	14%	6	1			1		

Re-examination Practical Only

Exam Type	No. Schedule	No. Appear	Fail Rate	No. Pass	No. Fail
M	1	1	0%	1	
I	1	1	0%	1	0

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Re-examination Written Only

Exam Type	No. Schedule	No. Appear	Fail Rate	No. Pass	No. Fail
C	14	12	42%	7	5
M	5	3	33%	2	1
A	3	2	0%	2	
I	2	2	100%		2

Failure Statistics

Exam Type	Total Examined	Total Failures	Breakdown of Failures by Exam Part					Failure Rate
			Pract. Only	Pract. Wr - Cor	Written Core	Written Law	Written Cor/Law	
C	98	15	1	0	7	1	1	15%
M	9	4	1	0	5	1	0	44%
A	6	3	0	1	2	0	0	50%
I	10	3	0	0	1	0	0	30%

Overall Totals

Exam Type	No. Schedule	No. Appear	Fail Rate	No. Pass	No. Fail
C	106	98	15%	83	15
M	12	9	44%	5	4
A	7	6	50%	3	3
I	10	10	30%	7	3
Totals	135	123	20%	98	25

There following incidents occurred during the examinations this month:

- During the morning cosmetology exam on August 14, candidate #3 cut herself and did not follow infection control procedures. No additional information was given on the incident report, including whether the candidate was A-3 or B-3. The incident report was completed by LaJoy Gordon and witnessed by Pat Jackson.
- During the morning cosmetology exam on August 14, the 13th candidate did not do set up by draping the model. No additional information was given, including exactly which candidate this applies to or why it was necessary to complete an incident report. The incident report was completed by LaJoy Gordon and witnessed by Pat Jackson.

- During the afternoon cosmetology exam on August 14, B-1 cut her finger and followed proper procedures. No additional information was given on the incident report. The incident report was completed by Ann Pickering and witnessed by LaJoy Gordon.
- During the morning cosmetology exam on August 15, A-6 nipped her finger with shears. She immediately stopped the haircutting service and began infection control procedures. She applied a band-aid with gloved hands and sanitized her hands, work area and shears. She properly disposed of the contaminated materials. The incident report was completed by Pat Jackson and witnessed by LaJoy Gordon.
- During the morning manicure exam on August 16, B-3 was dismissed from the practical exam, as he brought a model and not a mannequin hand.
- During the afternoon aesthetics exam on August 16, AE-4 disrupted the Cosmetology Instructor's exam. According to Jeanie (Proctor), this candidate became disgruntled when the interpreter she brought was not allowed to interpret the written exam. This decision was made because the interpreter was not a certified interpreter from the interpreter's list recognized by the Administrative Office of the Courts, which is followed by the Board and disseminated to candidates prior to their examination date. It should be noted the interpreter she brought was her son. This candidate failed to promptly present to the exam facility when called for the written examination and appeared only after being called twice. During the written exam this candidate repeatedly questioned the Proctor on how to answer the questions and murmured about not being allowed to use her son to interpret. She repeatedly spoke out loud in a disruptive behavior and accused Jeanie of being racially biased towards her. She quieted down after the Jeanie told her she would be removed from the exam facility. In addition, this candidate was still working on the exam when time expired and had to be told to stop. She then shoved the papers on the floor and walked out. Jeanie realized the candidate had not properly bubbled her information or signed the answer sheet and informed the candidate of this. The candidate stated she did not "give a sh**" and walked out stating an interpreter should have been provided for her and that NIC and the State Board was cheating her. Jeanie maintained a copy of this candidate's answer sheet, which is attached to the incident report.
 - This incident occurred while I was attending the Legislative Committee's regional meeting in Fayetteville. Jeanie informed me of it upon my return to the office, and I explained to her that the candidate should have been immediately dismissed from the exam facility due to her disruptive behavior. Jeanie understands it is within her authority to dismiss a candidate when necessary. In addition, a letter has been sent to the candidate informing her that this behavior would not be tolerated again in the event she chooses to return for examination. She failed the written core and written law parts of the examination.
- During the afternoon cosmetology exam on August 22, B-2 cut the pinky finger on her left hand with a razor. She administered care to the injury by using antiseptic and a band-aid with gloved hand. She also re-sanitized her hands and continued the hair-shaping phase. After the hair-shaping phase was completed, the candidate re-applied antiseptic and a band-aid and re-gloved her hands. Examiner Morgan assisted in securing the band-aid. The incident report was completed by Brenda Morgan and witnessed by Jane Powell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Wittum, Director
August 30, 2006